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- (1) JP 2000-159850 A, June 13, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (2) JP 10-298401 A, November 10, 1998, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (3) JP 10-36630 A, February 10, 1998, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;

- (4) JP 4-345648 A, December 1, 1992, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof, Applicants note that this document is also cited and discussed at page 2, paragraph [0007] of the present application.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited and discussed at page 3, paragraph [0007] of the present application:

- (5) JP 11-335519 A, December 7, 1999, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (6) JP 51-111857, October 2, 1976, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (7) JP 2000-239484 A, September 5, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (8) JP 2002-212384 A, July 31, 2002, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;
- (9) JP 8-41288, February 13, 1996;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,866,671 (SHINOHARA et al.), February 2, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (9);
- (11) EP 0 235 927 A2, September 9, 1987;
- (12) WO 95/16734, June 22, 1995;
- (13) WO 00/59993, October 12, 2000;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,212,222 (MITSUUCHI et al.), May 18, 1993;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,673,405 B2 (HARASHINA), January 6, 2004.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of the U.S. patents) and the International Search Report for International Application PCT/JP2004/015580 (in English and Japanese) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	4	English Language Abstract of JP 4-345648.
	5	English Language Abstract of JP 11-335519.
	6	English Language Abstract of JP 51-111857.
	7	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-239484.
	8	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-212384.

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